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IMAGINE IF...
PETER WAS A SUPERHERO

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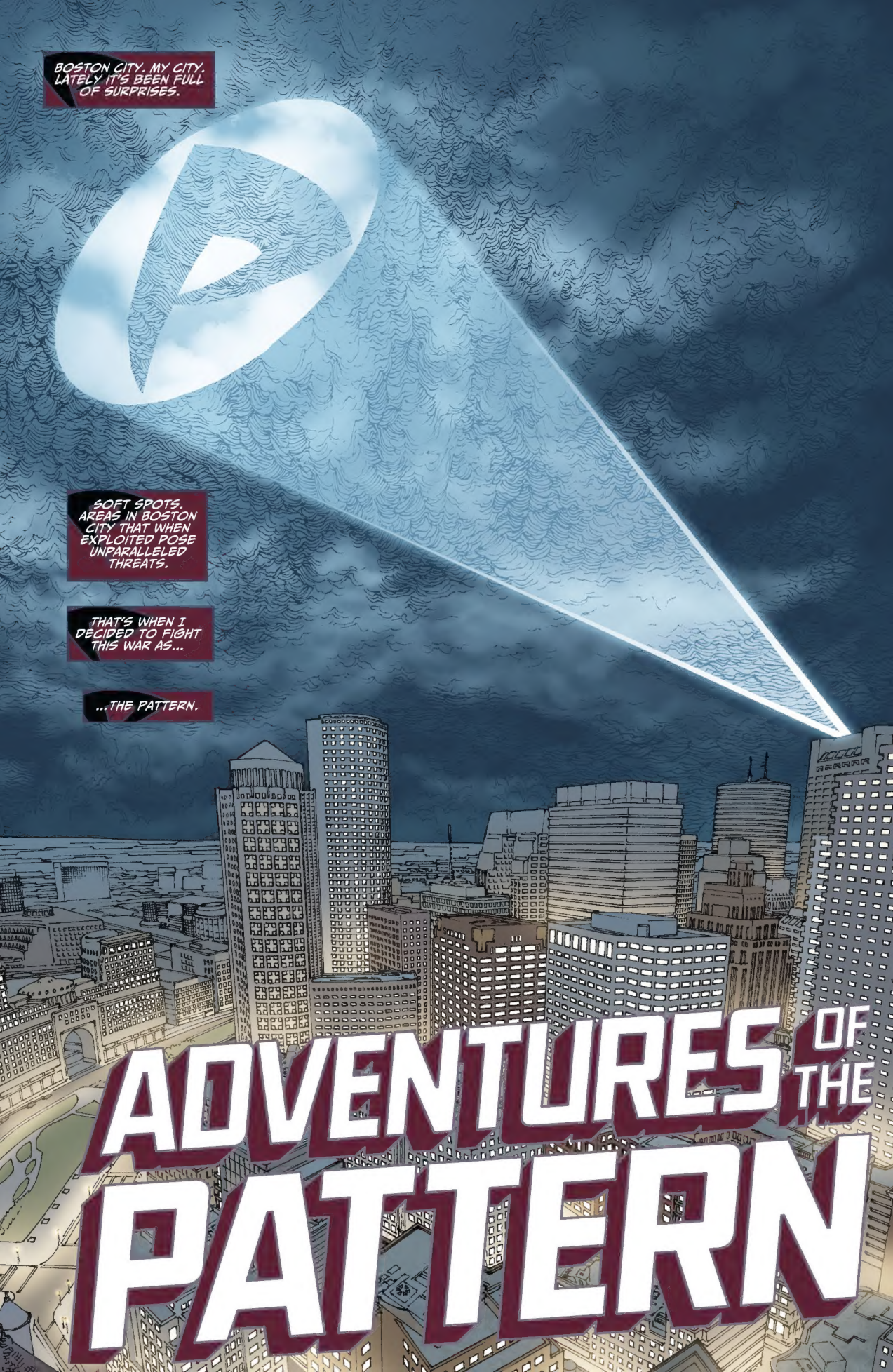
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BOSTON CITY, MY CITY,
LATELY IT'S BEEN FULL
OF SURPRISES.

SOFT SPOTS,
AREAS IN BOSTON
CITY THAT WHEN
EXPLOITED POSE
UNPARALLELED
THREATS.

THAT'S WHEN I
DECIDED TO FIGHT
THIS WAR AS...

...THE PATTERN.

ADVENTURES OF THE PATTERN



NO ONE SUSPECTS A
PLAYBOY BILLIONAIRE
TO TAKE UP THIS CAUSE.

The scene is a large, ornate library. A man in a black sweater and jeans stands in the center, reading a book. He is surrounded by floor-to-ceiling bookshelves filled with books. To the left, there is a fireplace with a portrait of an older man in a military uniform above it. In the foreground, there is a large black leather armchair and a small black ottoman. A globe is visible on the far left.

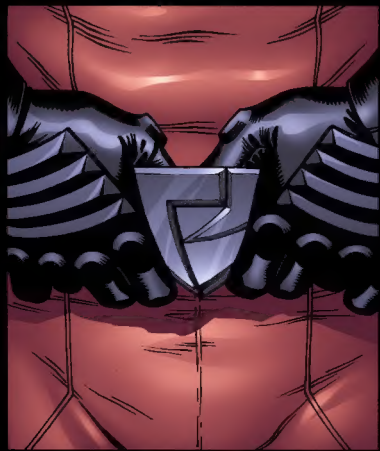
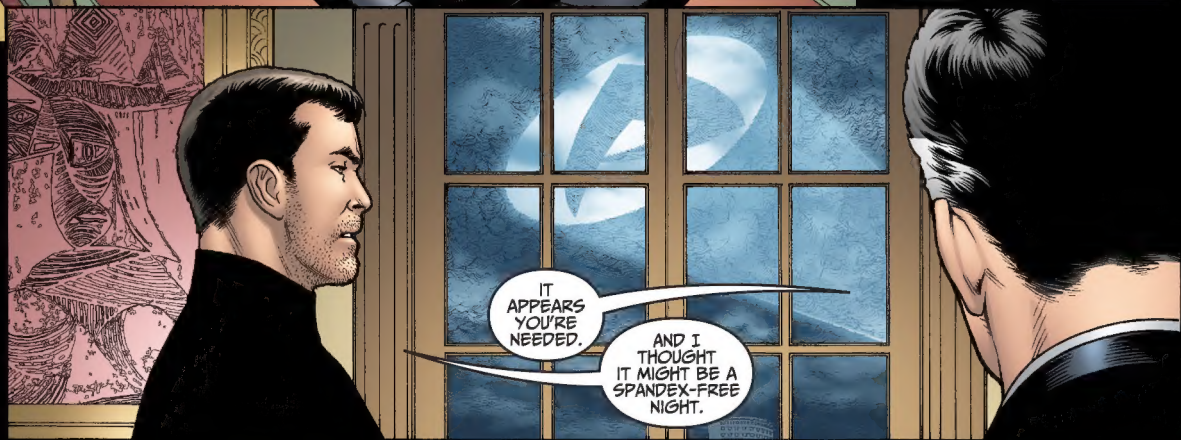


I'M DOING
BREAKFAST FOR
DINNER, SHALL I
SET ASIDE A STACK
OF FLAPJACKS
FOR YOU?

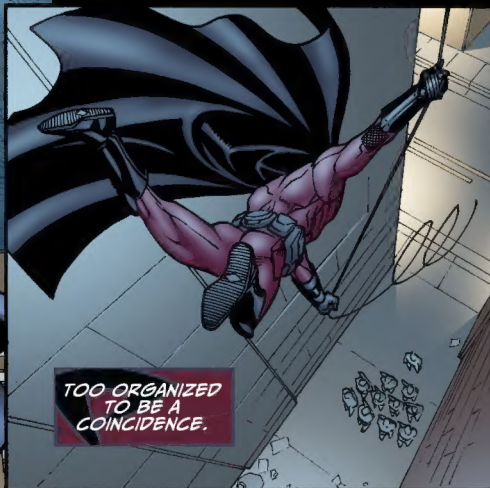
A close-up of a man with dark hair, wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie. He has a serious expression and his hands are clasped in front of him.

NO
THANKS,
WALTER.

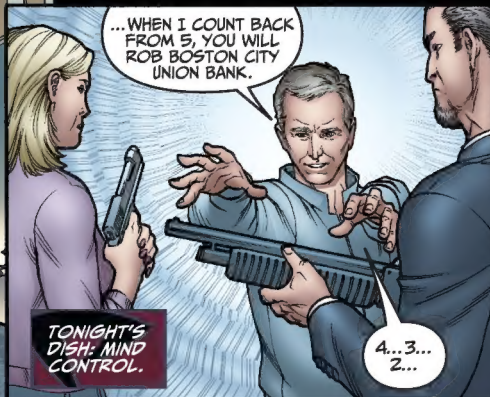
GOOD OL' RELIABLE WALTER.
RAISED ME SINCE I WAS A CHILD
TO BE THE MAN I AM TODAY. HE'S
THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS MY
SECRET IDENTITY, MY OTHER LIFE.



THE SOFT SPOT
TRACKER THAT
WALTER AND I
INVENTED SHOWS
NOTHING. MEANS
I NEED TO BE
READY FOR
ANYTHING.



TOO ORGANIZED
TO BE A
COINCIDENCE.



TONIGHT'S
DISH: MIND
CONTROL.

4...3...
2...



MUST ASSUME THIS AREA HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.



LATER IN A BACK ROOM
AT BOSTON CITY PD.
COMMISSIONER BROYLES,
ONE OF MY FEW ALLIES.

NEWTON'S
BACK IN CUSTODY,
BUT WE HAVE BIGGER
PROBLEMS...

OUR OLD FRIEND,
MR. ZFT, HAS ESCAPED
FROM ST. CLAIRE'S
ASYLUM.

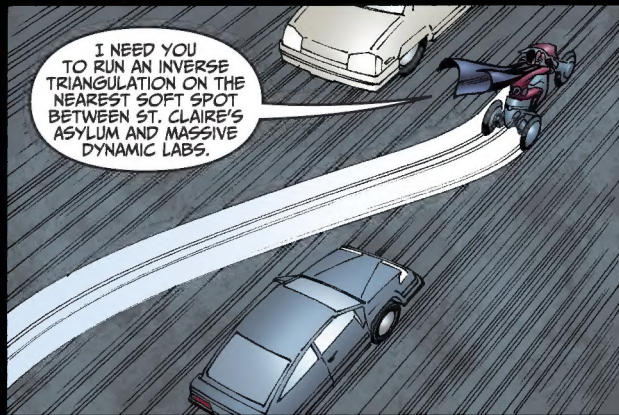
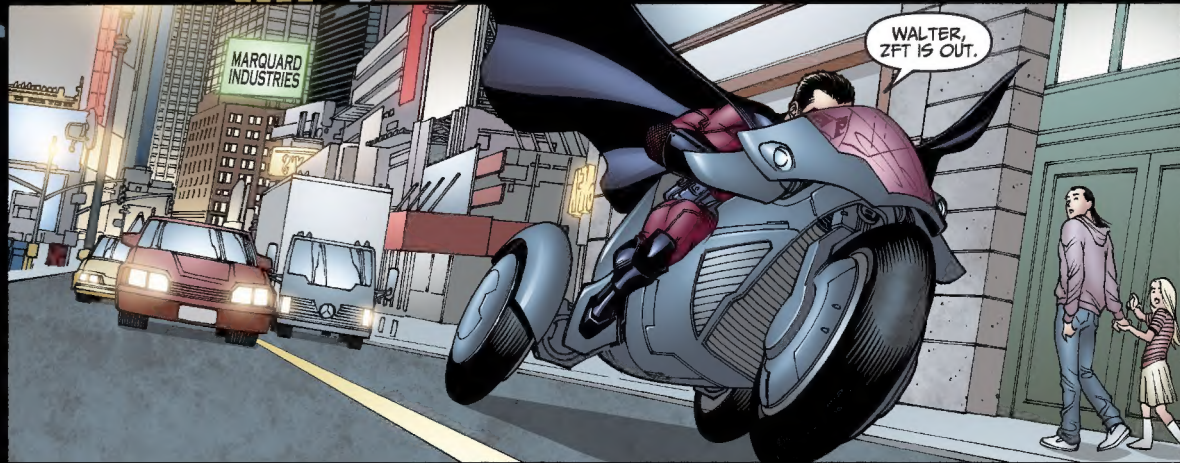
LAST TIME,
HE NEARLY FIGURED
OUT HOW TO CROSS
OVER TO THE
OTHER SIDE.

WE NEVER DID
RECOVER THE PELICAN
COIL HE STOLE FROM
THE LAB. WE HAVE TO
ASSUME HE'S STILL
IN POSSESSION
OF IT.

WITH THAT... HE COULD... CROSS...
HE CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO
MAKE IT OVER. NO TELLING IF
WE'D BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM
THERE, OR WORSE... WHAT HE'D
COME BACK WITH.

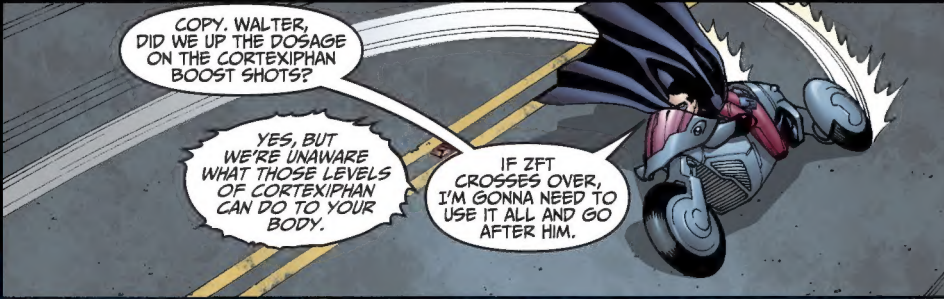
RIGHT,
PATTERN?

I HATE
WHEN HE
DOES
THAT.





IT
APPEARS
TO BE THE
HARBOR.



COPY. WALTER,
DID WE UP THE DOSAGE
ON THE CORTEXIPHAN
BOOST SHOTS?

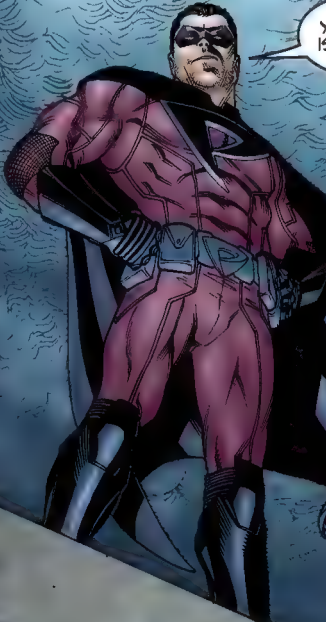
YES, BUT
WE'RE UNAWARE
WHAT THOSE LEVELS
OF CORTEXIPHAN
CAN DO TO YOUR
BODY.

IF ZFT
CROSSES OVER,
I'M GONNA NEED TO
USE IT ALL AND GO
AFTER HIM.



THE BI-COAXIAL
CABLE IS CONNECTED
TO THE REVERBERATOR.
THE REVERBERATOR IS
CONNECTED TO THE SPATIAL
MODULATOR...

ENOUGH,
ZFT.



NOT THIS TIME PATTERN,
ALTHOUGH POINTS FOR
PUNCTUALITY.

WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK THIS TIME
IS GOING TO BE ANY
DIFFERENT?

BECAUSE YOU
HAVE SOMETHING
I DON'T: CONCERN
FOR HUMANITY.

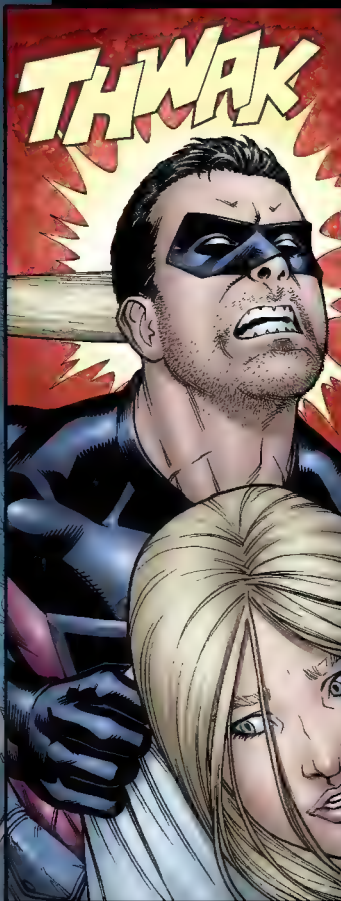
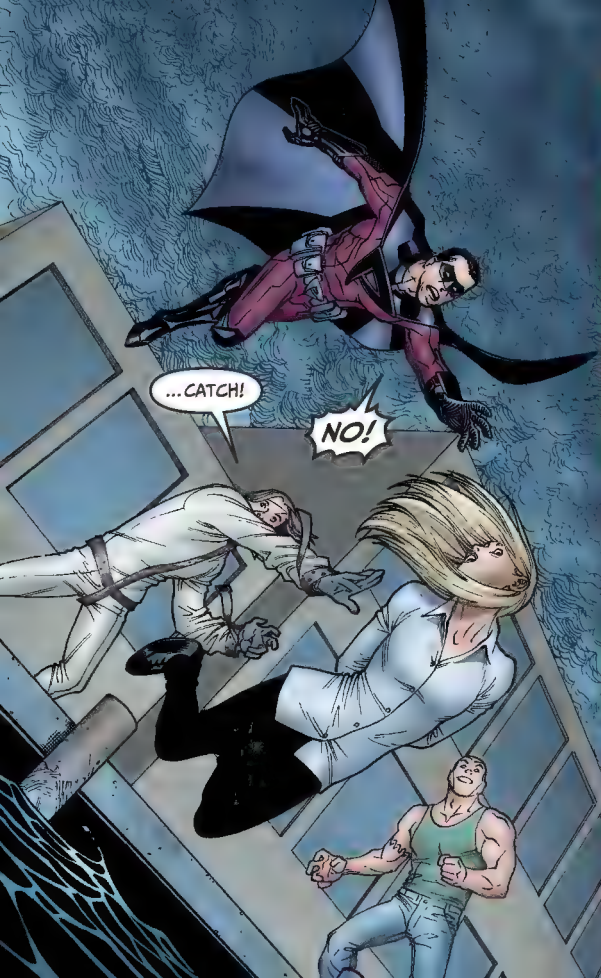


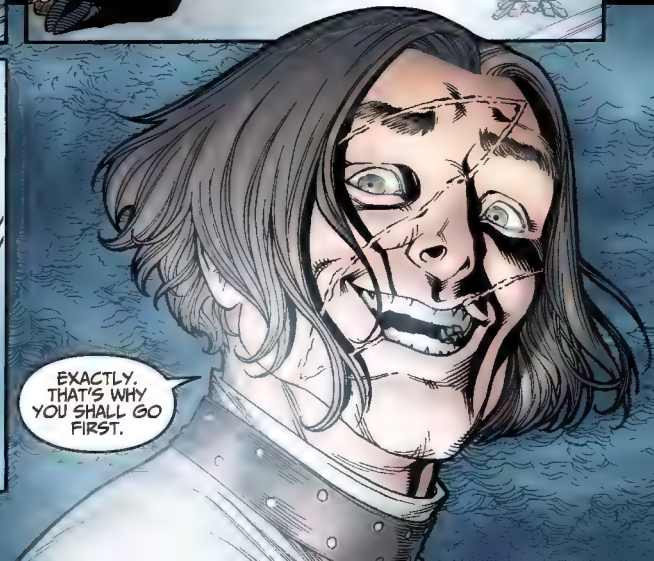
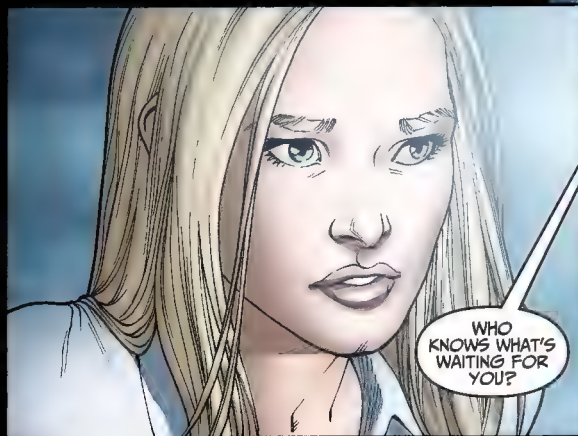
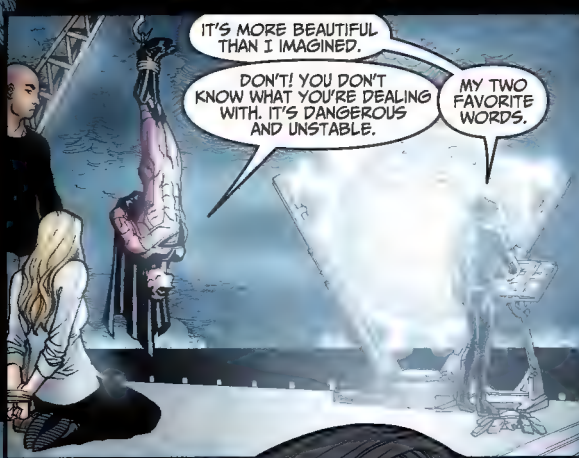
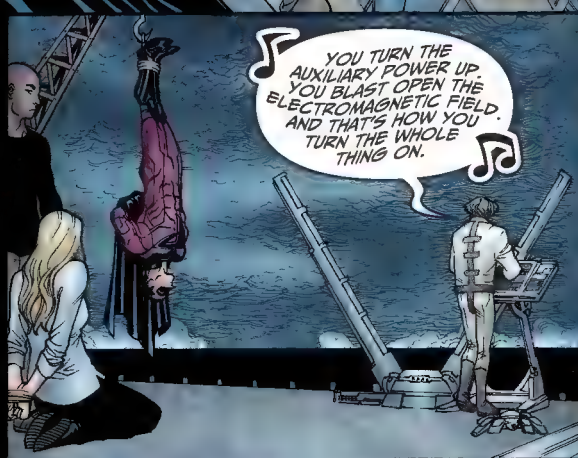
I MANAGED TO TAKE A SOUVENIR
TONIGHT FROM MY BRILLIANT ESCAPE.
A LOVELY AIDE FROM ST. CLAIRE'S
BY THE NAME OF OLIVIA.

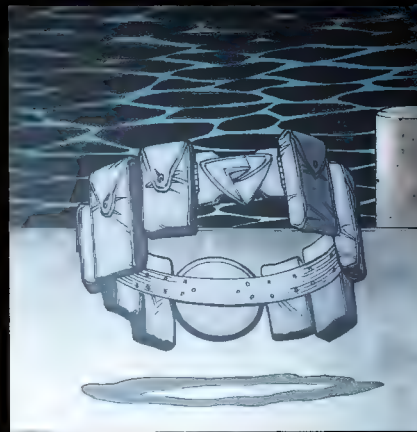
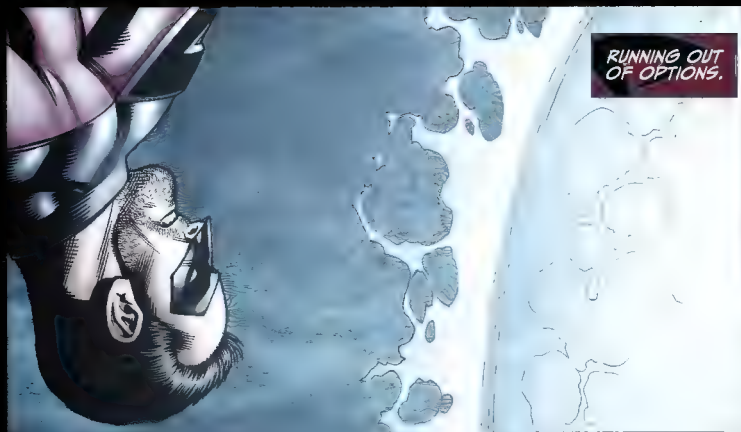
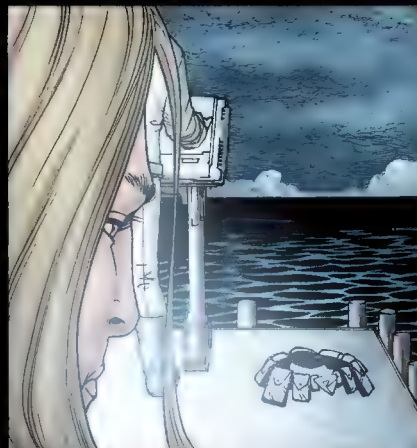
HELP!

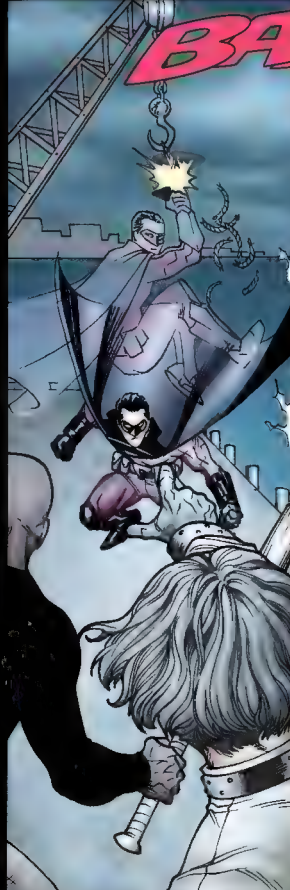
LET HER
GO.

COME
ON DOWN
AND...



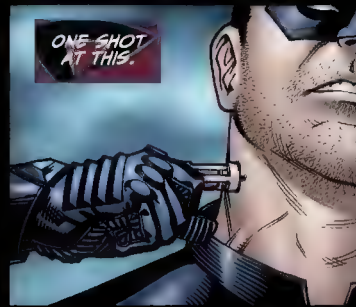








MUST SAVE HER.
CAN'T LET THAT
MANIAC GET AWAY.



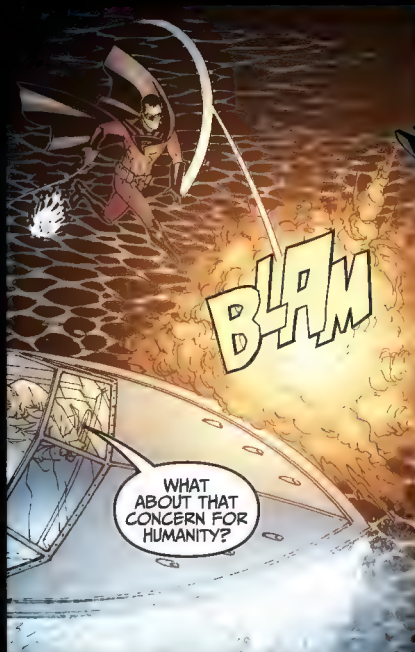
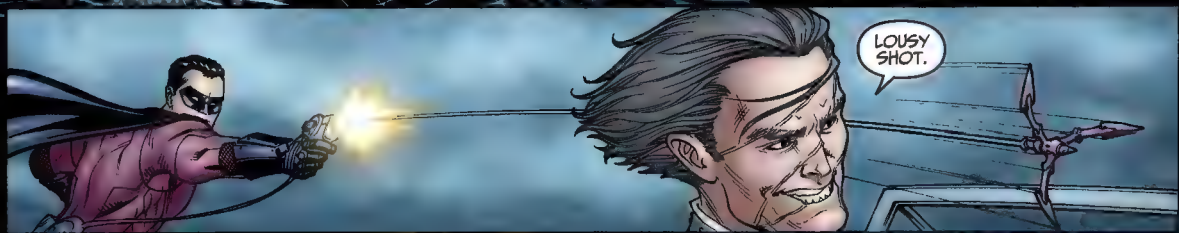
ONE SHOT
AT THIS.

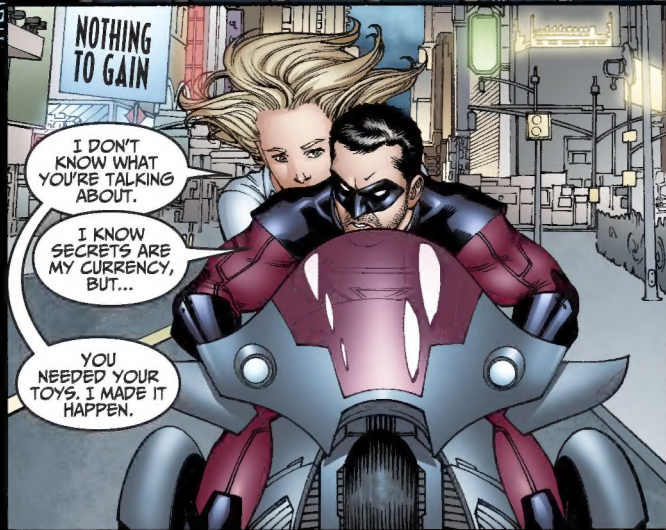
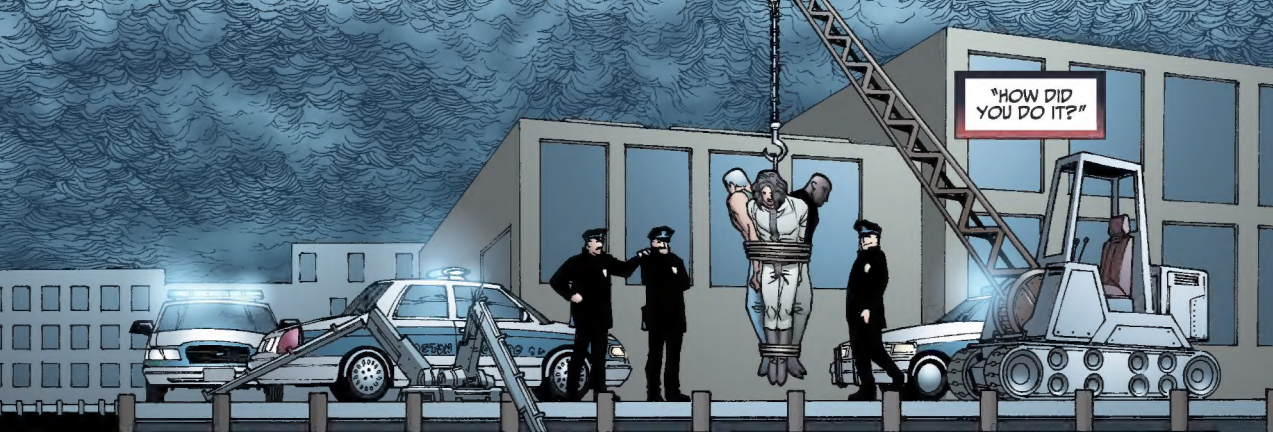


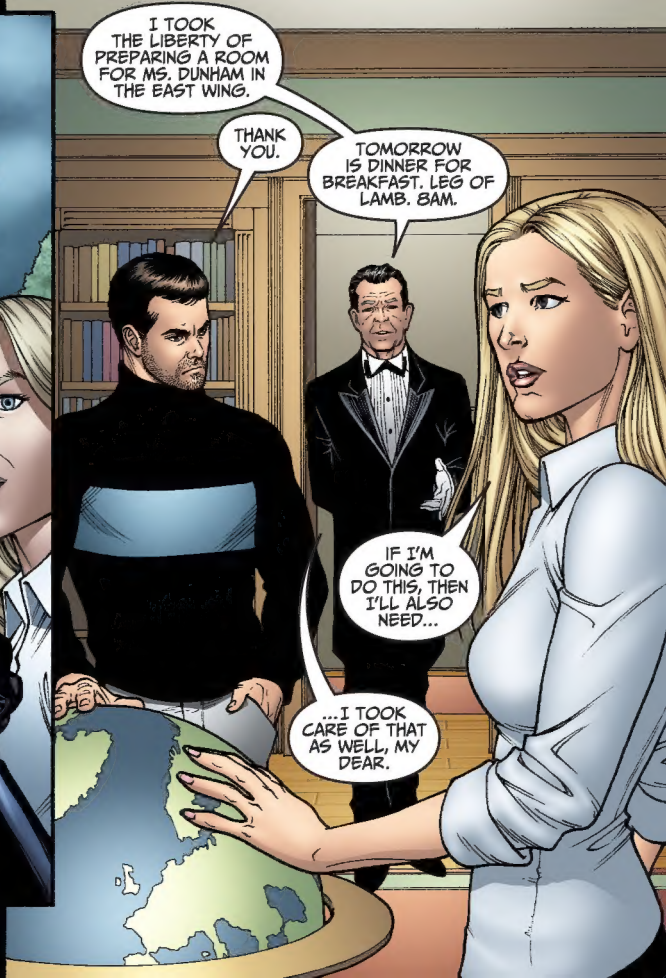
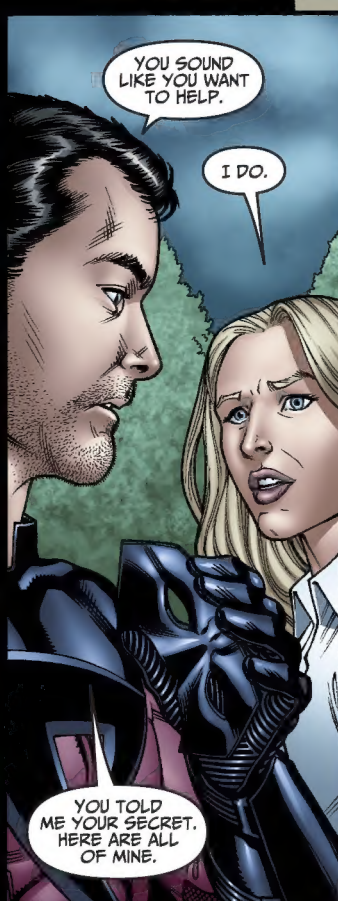
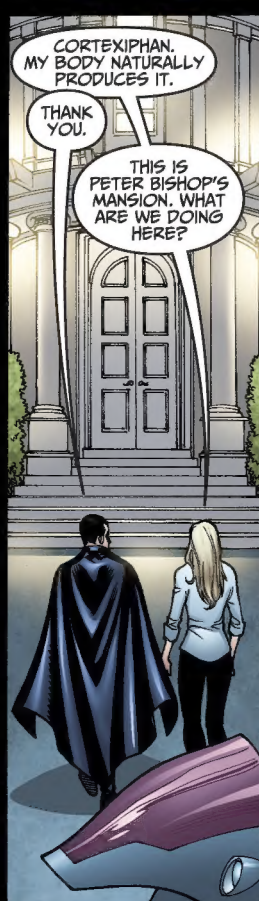
UNBELIEVABLE,
HOW CORTEXIPHAN
EXPANDS BEYOND
THE POSSIBLE.



DAMN
HIM.









MY CITY. NEEDS
ALL THE HELP
IT CAN GET.

MY CIRCLE IS
SMALL. BROYLES,
WALTER.

BUT IF I'M
GOING TO
CONTINUE THIS
FIGHT...

I NEED
SOMETHING
MORE.

A TRUE
PARTNER.



THE
END

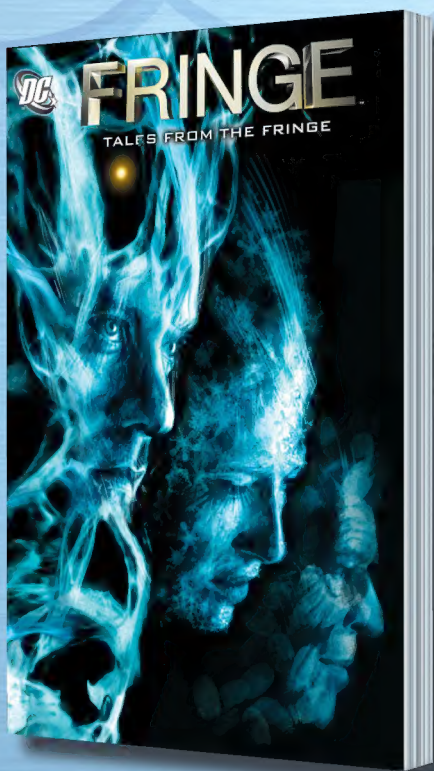
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